process. The details of areas already open are placed at enclosed statement.

Statement

ARUNACHAL PRADESH:

Itanagar, Ziro, Along, Pasighat, Miao and Namdapha.

ASSAM:

Kaziranga National Park, Manas Bird Sanctuary, Guwahati City and Kamakhya Temple, Sibsagar, Jatinga Bird Sanctuary.

MANIPUR:

Loktak Lake, Imphal, Moirang, INA Memorial Keibul, Deer Sanctuary, Waithe Lake.

MEGHALAYA:

Shillong, Barapani, Cherapunji, Mawsayram, Jakeran, Ranikor, Thadlaskein, Nartiang, Tura & Siju.

MIZORAM:

Vairangte, Thingdawi and Aizawl.

SIKKIM:

(a) Gangtok, Rumtek Phodang, Pemayangtse;

(b) Zongri in West Sikkim.

Development of tourism at Charaideo

6904. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Charaideo at Sibsagar in Assam is the seat of more than 500 tombs of Ahom Kings and nobles, which is often called as "Jerusalem of the East and has rich potential for curious tourists;

(b) whether Government propose to improve Charaideo as a tourist centre, by providing infrastructural facilities for tourists;

(c) whether Government of Assam has recommended any schemes for development of tourism at Charaideo; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The State Government of Assam had submitted an incomplete proposal for Floodlighting of Charaideo and certain clarifications were sought from the State Government.

Yatri Niwas at Guwahati

6905. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Yatri Niwas at Guwahati in Assam;

(a) the reasons for there being no physical progress, till date; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) It has been ascertained from the State Government that the work on site development, boundary wall and drainage is in progress. The work on main building could not start because of a court case on account of encroachment. The work of the construction on the main building will be resumed after clearance of the encroachment.

Development of tourism in Sibsagar

6906. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Sibsagar in Assam is one of the